

REMARKS

In the Examiner's action dated November 15, 2004 the Examiner acknowledges the Applicant's request for continued examination and entry of Applicant's submission filed September 7, 2004.

Applicant further acknowledges with gratitude the Examiner's withdrawal of the obviousness rejections to *Brown, Jr., et al.* in view of *Sexton, et al.* and further in view of *Noneman*, and *Virtanen*. The Examiner has also withdrawn the obviousness rejection to *Brown, Jr., et al.* in view of *Sexton, et al.* and further in view of *Noneman*, *Virtanen* and *Boulos, et al.*

In the present action the Examiner has rejected Claims 32-36 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(f) believing the Applicant did not invent the claimed subject matter. The basis for this rejection is the Examiner's belief that, despite the stated publication date of March 2001 for the TIA/EIA interim standard TIA/EIA/IS-707-A-2, the Examiner believes that the actual publication date was December 1, 1999, as set forth in a results summary from a standards search performed by the Examiner.

This assertion comes as a substantial shock to the Applicant as the Applicant is indeed the author of the claimed material set forth within the TIA/EIA interim standard and that claimed material was submitted by the Applicant in the present application subsequent to the filing date of the present application.

Indeed, a query to Susanne White of TIA/EIA resulted in an acknowledgement that the publication date relied upon by the Examiner was erroneous. That publication date has been corrected on the TIA website and a copy of the corrected summary for that standard, showing a publication date of March 1, 2001, is submitted herewith for the Examiner's use.

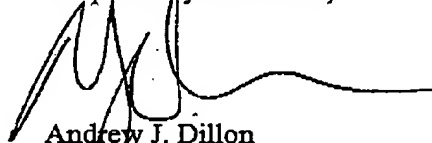
Should the Examiner harbor any reservations regarding this matter the Examiner is invited to conduct another search on the TIA website so that the corrected file date may be observed by the Examiner first hand.

As the sole reference relied upon by the Examiner in rejecting Claims 32-36 of the present application is now properly established this having been published in March of 2001 and as the Applicant's filing date is September of 2000 the Examiner's rejection is believed to be without merit and its withdrawal is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

No additional fees are believed to be necessary, however, in the event that any additional fees are required, please charge those fees and any other required fees to **Dillon & Yudell Deposit Account Number 50-3083**. No extension of time is believed to be required; however, in the event an extension of time is required please consider the extension requested and charge those fees to **Dillon & Yudell Deposit Account Number 50-3083**.

Respectfully submitted,



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